

Meeting of the Kodiak Subarea GRS Workgroup

July 26, 2007
Kodiak Island Borough Conference Room
710 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, Alaska

Attendees:

Amber Bethe- ADFG	Doug Mutter- DOI
Kevin Brennan-KRAA	Conrad Peterson-Old Harbor Tribal
Michael Caldwell-USCG	Tim Robertson- Nuka Research
Bud Cassidy-KIB	Allie Rodgers-USCG
Vinnie Catalano-CIRCAC	On Teleconference-
Duane Dvorak-KIB	Catherine Berg-USFWS
Switgard Duesterloh-ADFG	Randy Dowd-ADEC
Dale Gardner-ADEC	John Kwietniak- Tesoro Alaska
Pat Holmes-Rural Subsistence Roundtable	Linda Robinson- PWSRCAC
Mark Janes-Nuka Research	
Wanda Katelnikof-Sun'aq Tribe	
Iver Malutin- KANA	

Duane Dvorak of the Kodiak Island Borough opened the meeting with brief comments, introductions, and facility information. Several individuals gave comments on the GRS' in Kodiak and offered contacts in the community who would be able to give additional resource information.

Tim Robertson of Nuka Research provided an overview of the process used to develop Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) and the past history of the project in the Kodiak Subarea. He noted that Linda Freed, currently working as the Kodiak City Manager, was pivotal in bringing these plans to Kodiak and the State of Alaska. He acknowledged PWSRCAC and the Sun'aq Tribe as primary funding sources for this phase of the project, and noted that considerable in-kind and donated services are necessary to complete the project. He offered to give a more detailed presentation on GRS' if any new workgroup members were unfamiliar with the plans. No one requested the presentation.

At this time some comments were offered in changing the format and content of the GRS'. It was suggested that the graphic design be more readable when printed in grey-scale using hatch patterns and shapes. Mr. Robertson noted that the graphics are developed to accommodate this, but the color reproductions are able to communicate more information more clearly. He will review the format with graphics artist. Iver Malutin noted that more local input is needed and that the local villages are the best source of this. Wanda Katelnikof provided additional contact information for villages and

reinforced the need for local input. Linda Robinson reported that she would work with the local contacts, PWSRCAC board members and Nuka Research to ensure the input is received from the communities.

Mr. Robertson then outlined the meeting objectives, noting that the primary goal is for the workgroup to identify and select the “High Priority” sites from the Site Selection Matrix (SSM). From this list of sites the group would select the sites for GRS development. The project is scheduled to address approximately 20 sites. The site selection matrix will be reviewed during the meeting and additional candidate sites will be added. He noted that all the work products will be reviewed and approved of by the workgroup, who is considered the author of the end product.

The workgroup then reviewed the data on the SSM for the Eastern and Southern Zones. USFWS requested that a designation for Endangered Species be included for waterfowl in the appropriate column. It was offered that the local Migratory Bird Commission would have additional information on waterfowl concentration and seasonality. The entire group added sites and data to the SSM, which will be updated to reflect these changes.

Mr. Robertson then facilitated the group to designate the high priority sites in the 2 zones. He emphasized that although a GRS might not be established in the site at this time, the information would be important for spill responders to have at the time of an incident. He discussed the selection of a site for development listing the three criteria used:

- Environmental sensitivity
- Exposure to risk of being oiled
- Ability to succeed in protecting the area with the current response technology

It was agreed that all previous GRS’ would be designated as high priority. Depending on the budget the previous plans will be reviewed and placed in the current format. After selection of the sites as high priority, they are to be designated as an “A” or “B” priority. With the “A” grouping being developed for GRS. The group reviewed information collected from outreach activities from Ouzinke and Port Lions and incorporated this data into the selection of sites. After the high priority sites were selected 18 were selected as “A” for development at this time. The remaining 2 sites of the 20 were left undesignated to allow for input from communities to have additional input and selection of sites. The following is a list of nominated sites for GRS development.

Southern Zone	Highest Priority	Nominated GRS Site
65	A	Pasagshak Bay
66b	A	Portage Bay
66c	A	Saltery Cove
77	A	Old Harbor & Lagoon
93	A	Portage Bay/Sulua Bay
95	A	Upper Deadman Bay

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100	A	Ayakulik River
103	A	Sitkinak Lagoon
114	A	Amee Bay to Cozy Cove
116	A	Tanginak Anchorage/McDonald Lagoon
Eastern Zone	Highest Priority	
125	A	Selezen/ Mary Anderson Bay
125c	A	McDonald Lagoon/Outer Kitoi Bay
129	A	Head of Kizhuyak Bay
132	A	Anton Larson Bay
133	A	Kizhuyak Pt. to Entrance Pt.-Soldier Bay
139	A	St. Paul Harbor
145	A	Middle Bay
146	A	Kalsin Bay
Southern Zone	Secondary Priority	
67	B	West Ugak Bay
70	B	Salmon Stream South of Gull Pt.
72	B	Shearwater Bay
81	B	Kaiugnak Bay
85	B	Jap Bay
86	B	Kaguyak Bay
98	B	Lazy Bay/ Cape Alitak
110	B	Ocean Bay
111	B	Rolling Bay
Eastern Zone	Secondary Priority	
121	B	Whale Pass
121b	B	Afogank Strait
127	B	Izhut Bay-Ruth Bay

The group agreed to the following process to move forward:

- PWSRCAC and Nuka Research will conduct a visit to Akhiok and Old Harbor to gather additional input on site selection.
- The revised site selection matrix and summary of the meetings in Akhiok and Old Harbor will be sent out to the workgroup and posted on the project web site.
- A workgroup teleconference and/or meeting will take place to confirm all selected sites.
- After final approval each site will have base map developed and resources will be identified on the map.
- The maps will be posted on the project website and reviewed by the resource agencies for approximately 30 days. The agencies will ensure that the important resources are identified and placed correctly on the base map.

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- These maps will then direct the survey group in the field when developing the strategies.
- After the survey the entire tactics group will review and finalize the plans. These will then be posted and reviewed by the entire workgroup.

It was felt that the site surveys will have to be conducted next summer season. This is due availability of tactic group members for surveys, the time needed for outreach to Akhiok and Old Harbor, and production of maps and the review by the public and resource agencies to confirm the resource information.

The meeting was then opened to any additional public input or comments. None was offered.

Dale Gardner and Doug Mutter used the remainder of the meeting to give the group background and information on the status of Subarea Contingency Plan. They requested input and review of the plan as it is prepared for an update.